



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF | : | Administrative Action |
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| MIRTHA P. OLOCHWOSZCZ, L.P.N. | : | FINAL ORDER |
| License # 26NP 05303900 | : | OF DISCIPLINE |
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| TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE | : | |
| STATE OF NEW JERSEY | : | |

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a licensed practical nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. Respondent indicated on her 2014 renewal application that she would not complete required continuing education for the 2012-2014 licensing cycle by May 31, 2014.

3. Respondent was asked by the Board's Executive Director in letters dated July 9, 2014 and October 27, 2014 to submit documentation of completion of all continuing education courses required for the 2012-2014 licensing cycle and to provide

payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$250, in the form of a certified check or money order, for the failure to comply with N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3.

4. Respondent submitted payment of \$250 in satisfaction of the civil penalty, but she did not provide documentation of thirty (30) contact hours of appropriately accredited continuing education as defined pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to comply with N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3 subjects respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on May 22, 2015, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license and memorializing payment of the \$250 civil penalty.

Respondent replied to the Provisional Order, and submitted documentation, in the form of certificates of completion, of a total of 31.2 contact hours of qualifying continuing education. Accordingly, respondent has belatedly satisfied her continuing education obligation for the 2012-2014 licensing cycle. However, only 1.2 of these hours may be applied towards the continuing education obligation for the 2014-2016 licensing cycle, as thirty (30) of these hours will have been applied towards her obligation for the 2012-2014 cycle.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 20th day of July, 2015,
ORDERED that upon the filing of a FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE in
this matter:

1. Payment of the civil penalty for the violation of
N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3 is hereby memorialized by this order. As
respondent has admitted to the violation and satisfied the
penalty, no further payment is required.

3. Respondent may utilize only 1.2 contact hours of nursing
continuing education completed on July 15, 2015 in meeting her
continuing education obligation for the 2014-2016 licensing cycle.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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